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Mr. Roger J. Hales
950 W. Bannock Street
Suite 610
Boise, Idaho 83702

Dear Mr. Hales

I received your letter, dated February 27, 2009, expressing concern about the acceptability of having licensed landscape architects prepare grading and drainage plans for submittal to Ada County.

Ada County has evaluated the situation and offers the following:

The Idaho Board of Engineers and Land Surveyors have expressed to me that the Board believes that, since licensed landscape architects are trained in this line of work and that it is a portion of their professional licensing examination, they are qualified to prepare and submit grading and drainage plans.

The latest version of the 2006 IBC, which Ada County is in the process of adopting, states that grading plans must be prepared by a registered design professional. The Code previously required a licensed engineer for this work.

In light of this, Ada County will accept grading and drainage plans prepared by licensed landscape architects.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 287-7925 and we can talk.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Farrens", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jim Farrens
Ada County Engineer



cc. State Board of Landscape Architects c/o Idaho bureau of Occupational
Licenses

Idaho Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors

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